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ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Letter dated 22 September 1995 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the fiftieth session of the General Assembly at its 3rd plenary meeting pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/50/250). Those recommendations were approved by the General Assembly, also at its 3rd plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to paragraph 39 of section IV and to the relevant part of paragraph 46 of section V of the report concerning the agendas of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

(Signed) Diogo FREITAS do AMARAL

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ANNEX

Allocation of items to the First Committee

1. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament obligations (item 57).

2. Education and information for disarmament (item 58).

3. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (item 59).

4. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (item 60).

5. Reduction of military budgets (item 61).

6. Scientific and technological developments and their impact on international security (item 62).

7. The role of science and technology in the context of international security, disarmament and other related fields (item 63).

8. Amendment of the Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in the Atmosphere, in Outer Space and under Water (item 64).

9. Comprehensive test-ban treaty (item 65).

10. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (item 66).

11. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (item 67).

12. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (item 68).

13. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (item 69).

14. General and complete disarmament (item 70):

[The General Assembly decided that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/50/360), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 70.]

(a) Notification of nuclear tests;

(b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;

(c) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(d) Review of the Declaration of the 1990s as the Third Disarmament Decade;

(e) Transparency in armaments;

(f) Step-by-step reduction of the nuclear threat;

(g) Fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(h) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(i) Measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms;

(j) Regional disarmament;

(k) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(l) Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and of vehicles for their delivery in all its aspects.

15. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (item 71):

(a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(b) Regional confidence-building measures;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa, United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific and United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons.

16. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (item 72):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(d) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(e) Disarmament Week.

17. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (item 73).

18. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (item 74).

19. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (item 75).

20. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (item 76).

21. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (item 77).

22. Final text of a treaty on an African nuclear-weapon-free zone (item 78).

23. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee (item 79).

24. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (item 80).

25. Maintenance of international security (item 81).